

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Yoshiaki WATANABE et al.**

Art Unit: **3744**

Application Number: **10/594,278**

Examiner: **John F Pettitt**

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For: **THERMOACOUSTIC APPARATUS AND THERMOACOUSTIC  
SYSTEM**

Attorney Docket Number: **063029**  
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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 12, 2010

Sir:

In response to the requirement for an election of species dated March 12, 2010, applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Species D described in Fig. 7. It is believed that claims 1-7 and 11-13 read on the elected species. The applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

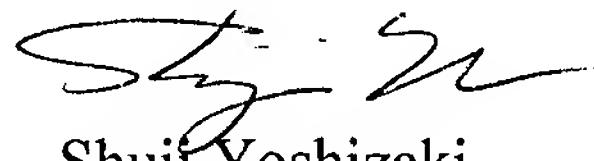
The applicant respectfully requests an early examination on the elected claims and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions associated with this Response, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,  
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